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Classified by Ambassador Richard Olson, reasons 1.4. (b) and (d).

(C) In an April 13 meeting on other topics (septels), Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Anwar Gargash pointed out to the Ambassador that the UAEG was "ahead" of its commitments for funding assistance to the Palestinian Authority (PA). He said both the USG and Egypt had urged immediate UAE action (PA President Abu Mazen having made the pitch in Cairo recently). Without citing overall figures (except an aside about \$5 million recently earmarked for radio and television costs), Dr. Gargash said the general UAEG view was that it is confidently "ahead of schedule" for the year.

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